THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 10th March 1947.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, with the Chairman (MRS. MONA HENSMAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Privilege to Members of the Legislature to grant life ***certificates.***

* 90 *Q.*—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether the Government propose to empower Members of the Legislature to grant life certificates to pensioners, a privilege which is enjoyed by gazetted officers and title-holders?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" No."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know why the much-condemned title-holders of nowadays are given that privilege whereas members of the Legislature are denied that privilege? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" No reasons can be assigned; but it will be further considered."

Cost of gazetted and non-gazetted services.

* 91 *Q.*—SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons employed in the gazetted service in the year 1945–46 and in the current year;

(*b*) the amount spent on them as salary and allowances;

(*c*) the number of persons employed in the non-gazetted service in the year 1945–46 and in the current year;

(*d*) the amount spent on them as salary and allowances;

(*e*) the increase in pay and allowances of all classes of Government servants recommended by the Cabinet Sub-Committee and approved by the Cabinet; and

(*f*) the extra amount required to meet the expenditure recommended in the current year and in the succeeding years?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) The number of persons employed in gazetted services during the year 1945–46—

(i) Indian Civil Service	119
(ii) All- India Services (excluding the Indian Civil Services)	176
(iii) Provincial Services	2,407
Total ...	2,702